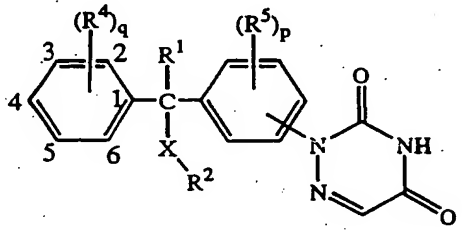
scope of the present invention.

Whenever used hereinafter, the term "compounds of formula (I)" is meant to also include their *N*-oxide forms, their pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts, and their stereochemically isomeric forms.

The numbering of the phenyl ring bearing substituent R^4 is given hereinbelow and is used herein as such when indicating the position of the R^4 substituents on said phenyl ring, unless otherwise indicated.



The carbon atom bearing the two phenyl rings and the R^1 and -X-R^2 substituents will be referred herein as the central carbon atom.

A special group of compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^1 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, aryl or arylC_{1-6}alkyl; R^2 represents aryl; Het^1; C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from hydroxy, cyano, amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, aryl and Het^1; and if X is NR^3, then R^2 may also represent C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl or arylcarbonyl; each R^4 independently represents halo, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy, mercapto, C_{1-6}alkylthio, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulfinyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, aryl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino or (C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl)amino; each R^5 independently represents halo, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyloxy, mercapto, C_{1-6}alkylthio, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulfinyl, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkylsulfonyl, aryl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- and di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino or (C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl)amino; aryl represents phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, polyhaloC_{1-4}alkyl, amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino and phenyl; Het^1 represents a heterocycle selected from pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolyl, imidazolinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazolinyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, thiolanyl, dioxolanyl, oxazolyl, oxazolinyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiazolinyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyranyl, pyridazinyl, piperidinyl,

carbonylcarbonyl, Het^{3}aminothiocarbonyl and R^6.

Suitably, R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4}alkyl.

Suitably, Het^1 represents a heterocycle selected from imidazolyl, triazolyl, furanyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiazolinyl, thiadiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, triazinyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, purinyl, 1*H*-pyrazolo-[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl, benzimidazolyl, thiazolopyridinyl, oxazolopyridinyl, imidazo-[2,1-b]thiazolyl; wherein said heterocycles each independently may optionally be substituted with one, or where possible, two or three substituents each independently selected from Het^2, R^{11} and C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with Het^2 or R^{11}.

Suitably, Het^2 represents furanyl, thienyl or pyridinyl; wherein said monocyclic heterocycles each independently may optionally be substituted with C_{1-4}alkyl.

Suitably, Het^3 represents pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl; wherein said monocyclic heterocycles each independently may optionally be substituted with, where possible, one, two or three substituents each independently selected from C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, phenylC_{1-4}alkyl, piperidinyl, $NR^{12}R^{13}$ and C_{1-4}alkyl substituted with $NR^{12}R^{13}$.

Particular compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^4 and R^5 each independently are halo, polyhaloC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy or aryl, more in particular, chloro or trifluoromethyl.

Other particular compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^2 represents aryl, Het^1, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl or C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from hydroxy, cyano, amino, mono- or di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyl-sulfonyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{3-7}cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, Het^1, Het^{1}oxy and Het^{1}thio; and if X is O, S or NR^3, then R^2 may also represent aminocarbonyl, aminothiocarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylthiocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl or arylthiocarbonyl; more in particular R^2 is oxadiazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl or pyridinyl; wherein said heterocycles each independently may optionally be substituted with one, or where possible, two or three substituents each independently selected from Het^2, R^{11} and C_{1-4}alkyl optionally substituted with Het^2 or R^{11}.

Yet other particular compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein X is O, S, NH or a direct bond, more preferably S or a direct bond, most preferably a direct bond.

Preferred compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein q is 1 or 2 and one R^4 substituent, preferably chloro, is in the 4 position.